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DEFAULTER IS SENT TO PRISON BY JUDGE WHEELER

(Special from United Press.)
Waterbury, Feb. 16.—Randall E. Pearce of Watertown, Conn., was today sentenced to the state prison for a period of one and a half to three years by Judge George Wheeler in the Criminal Superior court. Pearce was treasurer of the clock shop Relief Association of the Watertown Clock Co., and was charged with embezzlement of \$700 of the funds of that organization. He was prominent in church circles in Watertown and the officers of the Relief Association asked that clemency be shown, but Judge Wheeler stated that the nature of the crime justified the punishment.
Archie Gogin was sentenced to state prison for one and one-half years. He was charged with burglary in Seymour and while awaiting trial on that charge he broke into a saloon in Watertown.

DIED

BOWERS—In this city, on Tuesday, Feb. 16th, 1905, at her home, No. 259 Warren St., Rodessa E. widow of George H. Bowers.

HUBBELL—In this city, Monday, Feb. 15, 1905, George M. Hubbell, aged 65 years.

—Friends are invited to attend the funeral at the residence of his son-in-law, J. B. Fitzgibbon, No. 2143 North avenue, on Wednesday, Feb. 17th, at 2:30 p. m.

—Burial in Mountain Grove cemetery.

CLANCY—In this city, Feb. 15, 1905, Catherine, widow of James Clancy.

—Friends are invited to attend the funeral at her late residence, No. 419 Main street, on Wednesday, Feb. 17, at 8:30 a. m., and from Sacred Heart church at 9 a. m., with a solemn high mass at 9 a. m.

—Interment at St. Michael's cemetery.

HAWLEY—In this city, Feb. 16, 1905, Miss Harriet A. Hawley.

—Funeral service will be held at her late residence, No. 1519 Main St., on Thursday, Feb. 18, at 2 o'clock, p. m.

—Burial in Mountain Grove cemetery.

MURTAGH—In this city Feb. 15, 1905, John E. Murtagh.

—Friends are invited to attend the funeral from the residence of his sister, Mrs. John Kelly, 176 William St., on Thursday, Feb. 18, at 8:30 a. m., and from St. Charles' church at 9 a. m.

—Interment at St. Michael's cemetery.

WELTNER—In this city, Feb. 13, 1905, John Weltner, aged 40 years, 10 months, 13 days.

—Friends are invited to attend the funeral at his late residence, No. 207 Boardley street, on Wednesday, Feb. 17, at 2 o'clock p. m., and from German Reformed church at 2:30 p. m.

—Interment in Park cemetery.

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PROVIDES FOR AN ASSISTANT TO THE BUILDING INSPECTOR

Alderman McMurray Believes Such An Officer Is Imperatively Needed.

Deploable Condition of City's Thoroughfares Commented Upon By Aldermen—Increase Proposed for Superintendent of Bridges.

Alderman John H. McMurray presented a resolution last night to the Common Council calling for the creation of the office of an assistant building inspector who shall be a competent mason at the time of his appointment. The matter was referred to the committee on Ordinances with instructions that they report at the next meeting of the council.

The Alderman, who was a member of the committee appointed to investigate the conditions at the Boston school and who was familiar with the collapse of a brick building in this city a year or so ago, is firmly convinced that Building Inspector Reardon, who is a carpenter, has too much work on his hands and is not able to give as much time to overseeing the construction of brick work as is given to such operations in other cities.

There was considerable opposition to the discontinuance of the street line in Ogden street between Pembroke and Hallett streets. No appearance was made at the hearing by the representatives of building lines in Butler and Bessick avenue or upon the laying of permanent pavement in Golden Hill street from Main to Water streets.

At the hearing on the proposed change of the street line in Main street from East Washington avenue to Gilbert street, Thomas Arnold, Sr., appeared and said the grade of Main street between Lumber and Congress streets had not been changed before any new pavements are laid. He owns property on the east side of the street and said that the sand is washed from the side hill streets of Golden Hill into Main street with the result that the sewers are stopped and the cellars of the buildings on the west side of the street are flooded.

Alderman Daniel Mahoney presented a resolution and addressed the council in favor of macadamizing Gregory street its entire length. He stated that the street was used by trucks and that the use of the street in the South End to the factories in the West End, and that heavily loaded trucks sank 6 inches on wet days.

Alderman Griffin asked the council to consider a new macadam laid in the street for the purpose of having a better road for the city, as last year Auditor Keating recommended that no money be appropriated for new macadam until the city had a recommendation that the dose be repeated.

Alderman Peter Carroll said that many of the city streets were in a deplorable condition.

Alderman J. E. Meyer introduced a resolution to increase the salary of the superintendent of bridges from \$1,000 to \$1,500 per annum. This increase was spoken of at the time the city was appointed, as he is an expert electrician and performs all of the electrical work the city used to pay for outside of the services of the superintendent.

TURKEY SHAKEN BY EARTHQUAKE
(Special from United Press.)

Constantinople, Feb. 16.—An earthquake is reported to-day in which many buildings, including churches, were badly damaged. Thirty persons are reported killed. The population of the entire vilayet is considerably more than a million.

CAR BARN COMMITTEE TO MEET TOMORROW

Alderman Benjamin Fletcher, chairman of the committee appointed by the Mayor to devise a means of entrance and exit to the proposed new trolley car barn which would be acceptable to the city, has called a meeting for tomorrow night. The other members of the committee are George T. McCarthy, Moses W. Manwaring and Alderman John N. Near.

Deaths and Funerals.

Rodessa E. Bowers, widow of the late George H. Bowers, died this morning at her late home 559 Warren St., after a short illness.

The funeral of Ellen F. wife of Elizabeth F. Bernard, was held from 9 o'clock, where Rev. William H. Lynch sang a high mass of requiem. The floral tokens were unusually large and beautiful. The pall bearers were Denis Mulvihill, Michael Donahue, William Elliott, Eugene Sullivan, William Christian and Edward Mulligan. Interment was in St. Michael's cemetery.

The death of Miss Harriet A. Hawley occurred at her home this morning. She was the eldest child of Capt. Brown and Rebecca Burr Hawley and has lived throughout her life at the family homestead, 1519 Main street. During the declining years of her parents' lives she administered to their comfort. She was connected for many years with various charitable organizations and was an active member of the South Congregational Church. Her death was a great loss to the family.

Surviving her are her sister Mrs. Edward Stern, and her brothers, Frederick B. Hawley and Alexander Hawley, and a large circle of nephews and nieces.

A complication of ailments caused the death of John E. Murtagh, a widely known young and successful business man. The deceased had been ailing only a few weeks and it was thought at first that his rugged constitution would pull him through. The best that medical skill could do, however, availed naught, and much to the regret of his legion of friends, died last evening of John E. Murtagh, a widely known young and successful business man.

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NEW HAVEN ROAD PRESENTS ANSWER TO MASSACHUSETTS

Says Its Sale of B. & M. Stock to John L. Billard Was Genuine.

And that Road Received \$11,000,000 Therefrom—But Declines to Answer Questions Which Involve Outside Parties.

Boston, Feb. 16.—Practically declaring the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad does not own a dollar of stock in the Boston & Maine, that the sale of its holdings to John L. Billard of Meriden, Conn., was genuine, and that on account of that sale nearly \$11,000,000 had been received, President Mellen's road today answered the inquiries of the Massachusetts House of Representatives in this regard.

The New Haven's reply, which was read to the Massachusetts House by the clerk this afternoon, was most voluminous. At great length it reviewed the organization and operation of the road and its allies in relation to the attempted Boston & Maine merger and the holding of street railway stock in Massachusetts. As a company it made no claim to be a public utility, and the inquiries of the State of Massachusetts except such as related to the "private business and interests of individual persons, in which case is submitted to the courts and jury."

Calling attention to the fact that the matters in dispute with Massachusetts were all involved in litigation now pending in the Commonwealth, the New Haven asked that it be allowed until July 1st, 1905, without having to answer detailed inquiries about transitional stages of the large financial transactions now pending in the Commonwealth, in which individual parties are also necessarily interested.

Pleading that other mergers had been engineered in Connecticut with Massachusetts stock, the New Haven asked a like toleration in the present matter.

BODY LAY A WEEK UNDISCOVERED

Remains of E. R. Hubbard, Formerly of This City, Found at His Home in New Haven by Father.

The body of Edward R. Hubbard, son of Henry L. Hubbard, 147 Pembroke street, this city, was found at his home in New Haven yesterday afternoon, by his father. Hubbard was a fireman on the Consolidated road. The young man was found stretched upon his bed in his room. He had been dead for about a week. The funeral will be held at South Glastonbury.

REV. MR. TWEEDY DECLINES TO TALK OF APPOINTMENT

Will First Wait Until Officially Notified of Action of Yale.

Rev. Henry Hallam Tweedy, pastor of the South Congregational church, who was appointed to the chair of practical theology of the Yale divinity school at the meeting of the Yale Corporation yesterday stated to-day that he had nothing to say relative to his future as he had received no official notice of the appointment.

If Mr. Tweedy accepts the appointment it will probably mean that he will leave this city for New Haven, where he will be a member of the South Church.

The clergyman will make known his attitude after he has received notice and had time to consider the matter.

CLASS REUNION OF CORINTHIAN MEMBERS

At the session of Corinthian lodge, F. & A. M., this evening there will be a class reunion of the members who were raised in 1900. The members of this class are Frederick W. Bohn, Charles Neubauer, John J. Fisher, William V. Garner, John W. Near, William M. Thomas, Herbert B. Ray, Edward Brundage, P. M. Angus H. McKenzie, Frank C. Gerner, George Rutherford, Robert A. Shaw, John M. Pollock, Otis L. Conant, James E. Earnshaw and Herbert M. Booth. The entire fellowcraft degree team will assist in the work and the Corinthian quartette will sing.

RELIEF BOARD INVESTIGATED

The Board of Relief, which is engaged in making an investigation of the complaints made at its recent sessions, paid a visit to Steeplechase Island yesterday. The trip was made by one of Capt. William A. Lewis' boats. The purpose of the trip was to look into the appeal made by the owners of the property.

Clerk Owen Burns of the board expects to complete the report on the board upon the morning of Feb. 23, ready for the Board of Apportionment on the afternoon of the same day.

"COME BACK TO ERIN" SCORES AT SMITH'S

Charles Mack and a splendidly balanced company presented at Smith's theatre yesterday for the first time in this city, his new comedy, "Come Back to Erin," and the large audience were delighted with the production. Mack has for some years been one of the most popular actors in vaudeville and this is his first year as a star in the legitimate. There is a clever story to the play and it is well told; in addition there are several fine specialties which keep the audience convulsed in his role of Kerrigan, an old Irishman whose lips overrun with apt sayings. The play could depend upon a crowd of about 200 and a noisy he said.

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"Dave" Osborn Prevented Burglary

David F. Osborn, of 322 Park avenue, apprehended a burglar trying to break into the front windows of a family named Adams who reside next door to his house, shortly after 10 o'clock last night. Mr. Osborn secured a revolver and raising a window demanded of the stranger the reason of his presence in the narrow passage between the two houses. The burglar said he was trying to find out who lived there. Mr. Osborn said that he was going about his inquiry in a peculiar way.

The burglar pulled his coat over his face and backed toward the gate. When about 20 feet away he said, "Say, young man, you have got that gun pointed the wrong way." Upon saying this he bolted into the street and disappeared. Mr. Osborn repeated the matter to the Third Precinct police station. A young man who lives over the Adams family's apartments states that he saw the burglar in the front windows of the house early in the evening.

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HERBERT KNOX SMITH ADDED TO SPEAKER'S LIST

Distinguished Guests Will Grace Manufacturers' Board at Stratfield, Tonight.

The banquet of the Bridgeport Manufacturer's Association, which will be held at the Stratfield tonight is expected to break all records. Some fifty prominent men from several towns and cities of Connecticut will be present as guests. Speakers of national reputation will grace the board with their presence and their wit.

Among the more distinguished gentlemen who will answer to toasts are Hon. David A. DeArmond, the oldest member of congress, who comes from Missouri; Hon. Victor Murdoch, the features editor of the Boston Herald from Kansas, who knows that nothing is the matter with Kansas; Hon. Herbert Knox Smith, Commissioner of Corporations of the United States Department of Commerce and Labor, and Henry A. Carpenter of Providence, president of the National Founders' Association.

The committee in charge of arrangements have prepared some surprises, which are expected to add very much to the pleasure of the evening. There will be some excellent singing. A feature of the entertainment of the program will be topical references to men and things, all of which will be pointed, and all good natured.

The tables will be arranged to conveniently accommodate parties who wish to be seated together.

The speeches of Congressman DeArmond and Congressman Murdoch are expected to be highly instructive. Mr. Smith said to know more corporate secrets than any other man connected with the United States government.

SHRINERS' NIGHT AT SMITH'S NEXT TUESDAY

DeWolf Hopper Coming With His Pied Piper Company.

Arrangements are being completed for "Shriners' Theatre Night," when DeWolf Hopper, the celebrated comedian will present the comic opera "The Pied Piper" at Smith's theatre, February 23rd.

The Shriners' advance tickets must be exchanged at the theatre box office February 18 or 19 for reserved coupon seats and the general public sale opens Saturday the 20th. The indications are that the house will break the record for the season and standing room will be at a premium. Owing to the great demand for seats only ten seats will be allowed to any one person and positively no reservations will be made. The committee believing that the rule "First come, first serve" should prevail.

The usual courtesy of the theatre management for all high class productions, in allowing ladies wishing to occupy the second balcony the privilege of entering the theatre from 7 to 7:30 p. m. by the main entrance, will be extended also on this occasion.

Owing to the elaborate scenic effects and the number of the musical numbers on the program the curtain will rise promptly at 8 o'clock and no seating will be allowed during the first act. There will be eight car loads of special scenery and 100 people in the representation of the comedy. This is the largest and most expensive production of its kind ever put on the road.

The nobility will wear the regulation shrines of full dress suit, fez and claws. Also a new feature will be the sale of a white fez for the ladies. These may be purchased at the theatre the night of the performance, or at Wilson and Rusling's or the West End florist's.

Noble Gus Herthal, assisted by some beautiful young ladies will have charge of the sale of the ladies' fez at 7 o'clock.

After the performance there will be an adjournment to "The Stratfield" where the most elaborate stage settings, magnificent scenic effects and the many musical numbers the curtain will rise at 8 o'clock and no one will be seated during the first act.

The local Shriners are to be congratulated on procuring such a production and it will be certainly appreciated by the theatre goers, as the sale of seats testifies.

ANOTHER MINE HORROR

(Special from United Press.)
Newcastle, Eng., Feb. 15.—One hundred and thirty men were entombed to-day in a coal mine explosion at Styel in Durham County. It is feared that many have been killed. Relief parties are at work.

Italian Girl Victims of Earthquake Are Sold As "White Slaves"

Berlin, Feb. 16.—Hundreds of Italian girls from the quake region of Sicily and Calabria have been sold into "White Slavery" in South American cities according to a statement made to-day by Dr. Green, who was in charge of the relief expedition that Nathan Straus, the American philanthropist, sent to Sicily, and who sailed to-day for New York.

"The most horrible tragedy of the earthquake," he declared, "was the fate that befell hundreds of girl survivors whose parents were killed. Unscrupulous dealers searched out these girls and enticed them away with promises that they would take them to their homes."

"In their terrible anguish these poor girls followed these human vultures to any place designated. The excitement through the whole vicinity was so great at the time that it was comparatively easy to secure these girls and ship them to South America where agents sold them to houses of vice."

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HOWLAND'S

Entrances on Main street, Fairfield avenue and Cannon street.

Bridgeport, Conn., Tuesday, February 16, 1905.

The Weather—Clearing and colder tonight; Wednesday fair.

Correct fashions.

Butterick patterns for spring are ready. Butterick Fashions, the authority on styles for spring, is ready. The Delienator, best of all fashion magazines, is ready. Correct fashion news is available.

The word of authority in regard to fashions is Butterick. A Butterick fashion is a bright fashion. It is a practical fashion. It is a sensible fashion.

A Butterick pattern makes it easy to carry out the things suggested by a Butterick fashion. Anybody who sews, can use a Butterick pattern and from it cut a good-fitting and attractive garment. It needs no expert to use one.

But the new patterns are particularly of interest. They give timely view of the spring modes. They hold rich promise of pretty costumes for the warmer season.

Butterick Fashions, the authority, sells for 25 cents. That price buys both it and a pattern—any Butterick pattern. It is practically 40 cents of fashion help for 25 cents. And Butterick fashion-help; the sort that is authority.

Cannon street aisle, rear.

A LaGrecque corset for you.

There is a right LaGrecque corset for every woman. To get that right corset is wise. To get it will be easy. Madame Dearth from the staff of LaGrecque specialists is here this week to help you in choosing. Her knowledge is that of the specialist. She is able to help you make correct choice. She is here to see that you secure correct-fitting and right-shape corset.

The LaGrecque belt corset, for illustration, is a special corset for stout women. It is designed on special lines. Is made in out-of-usual way. As a result, it gives long and good service and is truly comfortable. It is but an example. There are special LaGrecque corsets for different forms. To help you choose from these the right one, Madame Dearth is here.

No charge for her services, of course. They are freely yours.

Second floor.

Medium-heavy underwear.

Women who appreciate comfort combined with quality and daintiness of style, will take special delight in this new underwear. "Tis of fine cotton yarn, is knitted on models that are comfort-insuring, is soft and fine of texture, is finished with pretty decorations.

Ecru cotton, all seasonable cuts,—according to size,—50c and 59c.

White cotton, high-neck vests with long or short sleeves,—50c.

Union suits, they give most comfort of all,—\$1.

Cannon street aisle, rear.

THE HOWLAND DRY GOODS CO.

"Jim" Livingstone Pleads "Not Guilty"

James A. Livingstone, the real estate man and former manager of J. S. Mead & Co., who has been in jail for several months awaiting trial for the alleged appropriation of the funds of property owners who were his clients, pleaded not guilty to seven counts of embezzlement in the Superior court at 3 o'clock this afternoon. The court assigned Attorney James A. Marr as counsel for the accused.

Keep boys dry.

No matter how hard it rains, here are rubber coats and head-gear that will get the boy to school or anywhere else, as dry as a bone. Stout rubber coats,—\$2 and \$2.50.

Rubber hoods that come down over the shoulder,—75c.

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It is worth your while to buy a Howland machine. In the first place, it does good work and does it easily and

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But no agents sell the Reliance. It is a Howland machine: sold with no fancy profit and no commissions to anybody—sold like dry goods.

In the third place, it is worth your while to buy a Howland machine and to do it now because the Howland club makes buying easy. You may choose any Howland machine, join the club, and have that machine sent to your home on paying the membership fee of one dollar.

No, there are no extra charges on members of the club. They pay only the regular price of the machine. But they enjoy the privilege of paying that price in an easy way.

Interested? Come and get details. Do it now.

Third floor.

THE HOWLAND DRY GOODS CO.

Mrs. T. F. Cotter Impersonated Denman Thompson

Enjoyable Private Masquerade By Antlers Club Last Evening.

The Antlers' Club, comprising wives, sisters and sweethearts of the local lodge of Elks held a most enjoyable masquerade last night in Elks and Concordia Hall at which a large gathering was present. The grand march which was led by Ike Williams and Mrs. Edward Madigan included 126 couples dressed in all sorts of styles, from rube artists to Laplanders, and from mere man to animals of the forest.

Mrs. T. F. Cotter won the prize for the best "get up." She represented Denman Thompson, the great actor. So perfect was her disguise that many of those present really believed the tale that went around that the occasion was graced by the presence of the famous rube artist. Mrs. Cotter seemed to fit right into the role even her closest friends being fooled. Walter Laidlaw, as the handsome costume, dressed as an Indian maid, Eddie Madigan, took first prize, being dressed as a ballet dancer, and Joe Heaphy, second prize, being dressed as a Broadway dude. A punch bowl presented by Hugh Lavery was much enjoyed by the many happy masqueraders.

After the grand march a supper was served in charge of the following: Mrs. Ike Williams No. 1, Mrs. Ike Williams No. 2, Mrs. Loren Delbridge, Mrs. Walter Laidlaw, J. H. Cook and Walter Laidlaw. Many visitors were present from out of town and expressed themselves as being pleased with the hospitality shown them by their Bridgeport friends. The ladies of the club desire to thank the members of the Concordia society for the donation of the use of their hall for the evening.

Hoarse coughs and stuffy colds that may develop into pneumonia are quickly cured by Foley's Honey and Tar, and it soothes inflamed membranes, heals the lungs, and expels the cold from the system. F. B. Brill, local agent.